



# PAUL CUNNINGHAM

WARD 2

December 1, 2017

**WARD 2 COUNCIL OFFICE  
7575 E SPEEDWAY  
791-4687  
WARD2@TUCSONAZ.GOV**

## PAUL'S NOTE

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Landscape Watering	3
Teddy Bear Toss	3
What's Brewing?	3
Winter Clothing Drive	3
Parks Information	4
What to drop off	5

Wednesday afternoon was a split-screen moment in Tucson: we had installation ceremonies for both Dr. Robert Robbins, the new University of Arizona President, and Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, the new Bishop for the Diocese of Tucson.

Dr. Robbins actually took the job back on June 1st after leaving his post as president and CEO of Texas Medical Center. He is trained as a cardiovascular surgeon.

Robbins has only been on for a few months, but I'm already impressed by his outreach to all parts of the community. Shortly after he came to Tucson, he called my office for an

appointment, not the other way around. I'm not the only one who can say that about Dr. Robbins. I've been impressed by the number of community leaders that have met with him already. He even visited Tucson incognito posing as a prospective U of A parent just to get a feel for our town. Robbins's efforts at outreach are a good sign that the City of Tucson and all of us will have a great partner up there on the 7th floor of the Admin building.

One pledge he made in his address on Wednesday was to make the U of A into a "Hispanic Serving Institution." Only

two four-year colleges have gotten that designation in Arizona, one of them being U of A South in Sierra Vista. To get this federally-recognized designation will take a strong outreach effort to all parts of our community. Given our history and demographics, it just makes sense for our University to try to achieve that designation. I'm glad to see Dr. Robbins present it as an early goal.

A streetcar ride away, our city's Roman Catholics celebrated the installation of Rev. Weisenburger as the Diocese of Tucson's new bishop. Weisenberger

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

comes to us after five years serving the Diocese of Salina, which covered 31 mostly rural counties in Kansas.

Before serving as bishop in Salina, Weisenberger was a priest in Oklahoma City, a couple of hours from where he grew up in Lawton. He was serving as a priest in that community on that awful April morning in 1995 when a terrorist blew up the Murrah Federal Building. He ministered to workers that came to aid in the rescue and recovery efforts.

As much as I'm glad that a man of Rev. Weisenberger's background is coming to our community, I'll miss Gerald Kicanis. I'm not Catholic, but I've seen the tremendous impact that Gerald has had in this community and the love that Catholics and non-Catholics have for him. Thank you, Bishop Kicanis for your friendship and ministry. Tucson will not forget you.

-

I've been on the council since 2011, and in that time, we've changed City Managers more than council people. In my time, we've just had one change on the council: the election of Jonathan Rothschild as Mayor.

Next week, we swear in a new councilmember: Paul Durham. Paul is no stranger to how City Hall works. He was on the staff of former Councilmember Nina Trassoff and has been active in local issues for almost two decades. He is passionate about energy issues, especially solar power. He and I worked closely together on getting the city to oppose the TEP rate restructuring that hurt rooftop solar.

I'm glad to have him on board and look forward to sitting next to him on the dais.

-

Those of you that have been using the payment window for water and other bill payments will be noticing a change.

For years, the people working the window have been from the finance department. Starting this month, they will be from the water department.

You will notice the different shirts for the water department employees, of course, but the change is important for other reasons. Since they will be from Tucson Water, they will have access to more information about your account and be able to provide a better range of service when it comes to your water bill. They will still be there for fees and bus passes as well.

If you have any questions about this new arrangement, feel free to call my office, 791-4687.

---

## LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES

Tucson Water has two new publications for customers who want to achieve efficient watering for their landscape. “Water by the Weather” helps determine the most-efficient monthly watering schedule for your landscape, based on plant and soil type. “Landscape Watering Guidelines” provides information on determining soil type and watering system components. The resources are written for landscape professionals and homeowners. Both are available, as are links to other valuable area resources, on Tucson Water's new landscape website, <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/landscape>.

## TEDDY BEAR TOSS

The Tucson Roadrunners are encouraging hockey fans to bring teddy bears to Sunday's hockey game against the Ontario Reign at 4:05 p.m. at the Tucson Arena. After the Roadrunners' first goal, fans are asked to throw the stuffed animals on the ice. All of the bears collected from the Teddy Bear Toss will be donated to Tucson children and families in need via Aviva Children's Services. Please make sure you bring your teddy bear wrapped in plastic to keep it dry when it hits the ice. Fans in attendance also will receive a free Roadrunners winter hat, courtesy of Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment.

## WHAT'S BREWING?

The What's Brewing in Environmental Health series continues next week with a panel discussion on "The Impact of Floods" at 6:15 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4, at Exo Roast Co., 403 N. 6th Ave. Three panelists will address the science of floods and the impacts floods have on communities. The free event is presented by the Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center and is sponsored by the University of Arizona and Tucson Water. Food and drinks will be provided.

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Every December and January, we try to collect winter items for a local charity. This year, we are collecting coats and winter clothing items for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

TIHAN serves people living with HIV from all walks of life and backgrounds, and also works to educate the broader Tucson community about HIV. Although medications are helping to keep people with HIV alive longer than ever, there are still thousands of people in Pima County with HIV, and TIHAN serves to help them live well.

For more information on TIHAN, you can visit [tihan.org](http://tihan.org).

---

## PARKS PROGRAMS

### **Holiday Arts & Craft Fair Registration:**

Vendor registration is open for the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park. The fair is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend- Saturday and Sunday, November 25-26, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, visit [tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://tucsonaz.gov/parks) or contact Susan Orrico, Event Coordinator, 791-4877. Attached is an event flier.



### **Swim Fall Schedule:**

The swim fall schedule began on August 3rd. For additional information: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads>

**Fall Leisure Classes:** Session two of classes will run October 29 through December 16. Visit [EZEereg.com](http://EZEereg.com) for details.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

**PAUL CUNNINGHAM,  
CITY COUNCIL, WARD 2**

Eastside City Hall  
7575 E Speedway  
Tucson AZ 85710

Phone: 520 791 4687  
Fax: 520 791 5380  
E-mail: ward2@tucsonaz.gov

Tucsonaz.gov/  
ward2

Remember to like  
Paul on Facebook!

Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

**SR. JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER—Summer items  
and clothing, athletic shoes, back packs, tote**

---

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

To organize the new council, a swearing-in and special meeting will take place **Monday, December 4** at 10 am.

The next regular Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 5**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

